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SUBJ: NEW CHAIRMAN OF PERNAS APPOINTED

REF: K.L. 4351

1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE SEPT 18 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF TUNKU DATUK SHAHRIMAN BIN TUNKU SULAIMAN (SURNAME: SHAHRIMAN) AS NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN OF PERNAS, GOVT-BACKED INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONGLOMERATE. HE REPLACES TUNKU RAZALEIGH WHO RECENTLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NEW NATIONAL OIL COMPANY, PETRONAS (REFTEL). IN ADDITION TO PERNAS POST, SHAHRIMAN CONTINUES TO BE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF IMPLEMENTATION, COORDINATION AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION UNIT OF PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING PROGRESS OF SECOND MALAYSIA PLAN. SHAHRIMAN IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF PAHANG TENGGARA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, A MULTI-FACETED DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR SOUTHEAST PAHANG STATE.

2. SHAHRIMAN BIODATE AS FOLLOWS: FORTY-TWO YEARS OLD, SHAHRIMAN WAS BORN IN NEGRI SEMBILAN STATE. HE ENTERED CIVIL SERVICE IN 1958 AFTER GRADUATING WITH B.A. DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA (SINGAPORE). AFTER SERVING AS DISTRICT OFFICER IN PAHANG AND PERAK, SHAHRIMAN WAS APPOINTED PAHANG STATE SECRETARY, A  
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POSITION WHICH BROUGHT HIM INTO CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEN DEPUTY

PRIME MINISTER RAZAK WHO IN MID-1960'S WAS IN CHARGE OF GOM DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. SHAHRIMAN REPORTEDLY DEVELOPED CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH RAZAK AND IS CONSIDERED ONE OF "PAHANG MAFIA", A GROUP OF PAHANG NATIVES AND OFFICIALS WHO SERVED IN THAT STATE, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY HAVE ASSUMED IMPORTANT POSITIONS ON RAZAK'S STAFF.

3. COMMENT: QUIET, RESERVED AND CONSERVATIVE BY NATURE, SHAHRIMAN WILL BE A DISTINCT CONTRAST TO RAZALEIGH WHO WAS NOTED FOR HIS FLARE AND DARING IN MANAGING PERNAS AFFAIRS. UNDERHILL

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